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Schild Estate Wines are created with an authenticity and passion that comes from generations of a family who have made their home in the Southern Barossa.

## 2021 Barossa Valley Chardonnay

#### The Vineyard

The Three Springs Vineyard is located alongside the original Schild Family Estate. Chardonnay from this block is blended with fruit from other local grape growers, The Barritt family. The Barritt family are sixth generation growers in the Barossa Valley dating back to the 1850s. They grow exceptional chardonnay fruit with their mature vines on Church Road in the hills behind Rowland Flat.

#### The Vintage

Regular rainfall along with mild, almost perfect growing conditions were the order of the day for virtually all of 2021 growing season. This ensured a slow and gentle ripening cycle where sugar and flavour accumulation developed in sync and good levels of natural grape acid were retained in the fruit. This provided the winemakers space to work in and make optimum harvest decisions in their own time. As a result the wines produced are particularly strong and show great balance, vibrancy and brightness.

### **Technical Notes**

Fruit for this wine is harvested in the cool of the night and delivered quickly to the winery, where it is crushed, chilled and pressed to tank. Cold settled overnight, the juice is then fermented cool (between 11°C– 18°C) in temperature controlled stainless steel vessels. All of this is designed to retain maximum freshness, aromatics and flavour depth. Additional lees stirring is employed to add some roundness and depth before the wine is prepared for bottling.

#### **Tasting Notes**

Clear, bright and opaque in appearance. Aromas of lemon, lime citrus and a brief glimpse of floral perfume teases at a delicateness which is borne out on the palate. Here it shows a lightness on its feet and again flavours of citrus are very evident. They are joined by a hint of fresh nectarine before a final sherbet lick arrives to complete the journey. The wine finishes long and refreshing.





Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Region: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vineyard: Three Springs

Analyses Alc/Vol: 13% pH: 3.43 Titratable Acid: 6.2g/L

Food Paring: Chicken and Mushroom Risotto

Cellaring: Drink now to 2026

Winemaker: Scott Hazeldine